

GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
A B S T R A C T

Health Medical & Family Welfare – Vector Borne Diseases – Baby Laxmi Sharanya, Sued for damage – Constitution of Committee to examine the matter and recommendations – Orders – Issued.

HEALTH MEDICAL AND FAMILY WELFARE (H2) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Rt.No. 1576

Dated:16.11.2010

Read the following:-

1. Notice of Sri A.Prabhakar Sharma, Advocate, Karimnagar, dated 18.06.2010.
2. From the Director of Public Health & Family Welfare, Hyderabad, Lr.Rc.No.516/JE/2010, dated 04.09.2010.

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O R D E R:-

In the legal notice 1st read above Sri Dugyal Anjaneya Rao, and his wife Smt. Dugyala.Indira, residents of House No.7-1-661/A. at Mankammathota, Karimnagar, Karimnagar District, have claimed that their daughter Baby Laxmi Sharanya, while writing her examination on 15.04.2010, developed fits and fell down on the ground. She was shifted to Kartik Children Hospital, Karimnagar and later to Niloufer Hospital, Hyderabad, by her parents. The Superintendent of Niloufer Hospital, by apprehending the same as Japanese encephalitis had referred the matter to Animal Husbandary Department, VBRI, Hyderabad, who in turn took the blood sample for Japanese encephalitis virus test on 17.04.2010. The report was positive. While the treatment was going on, their daughter Baby Laxmi Sharanya died on 22-04-2010 at 2-45pm. They incurred an expenditure of Rs.60,000 for the treatment of their deceased daughter.

2. They believed that their daughter's death has occurred due to negligent acts of the house owner, and due to lack of preventive measures by the authorities, their daughter had paid a price with her life due to Japanese encephalitis. Ultimately they sued for damage of Rs.5.00 lakhs on Enugu. Madhusudhana Rao (he go down the baby Laxmi Sharanya in the sump for cleaning sump with out taking in to consideration her tender age.) and Principal Secretary of Health, Government of Andhra Pradesh, in the legal notice.

3. The Director of Public Health and Family Welfare, Hyderabad in his letter 2nd read above has stated that Baby Laxmi Sharanya 10 years Female was declared as positive for J.E IgM abs/VBRI, Hyderabad, dt. 17-04-2010, as per the report of Joint Director after detailed enquiry with VBRI, Hyderabad it is revealed that the tests were conducted by using a test kit obtained from DRDO Gwalior. This test kit was not authorised by National Institution of Virology (NIV) Pune, which is Highest authority in Virological studies in the country. The Additional Director Malaria has sent 34 JE sera samples to National Institution of virology Pune for cross check and confirmation because all these 34 samples were declared as JE positive cases by the VBRI. The National institution of Virology, Pune sent a report stating that all the 34 JE Positive cases declared by VBRI were Negative for J.E. virus.

4. To confirm the above the state entomologist along with a team of scientists from CRME Madurai, conducted entomological studies in certain districts in which, it was found that vector density is very low, at which the transmission of JE is not possible. In this regard the Director of Public Health and Family Welfare, has stated that the death of Baby Laxmi Sharanya is not due to Japanese encephalitis (J.E.) virus.

5. The Government after careful examination of the above matter, hereby constitute a Committee with the following Members to review the entire record of the death of Baby Laxmi Sharanya, including that of Niloufer Hospital, Veterinary Biological Research Institute, Hyderabad and National Institute of Virology, taking all relevant factors into account, and furnish a detailed report to Government. The Committee is requested to recommend concrete measures to prevent, contain and manage JE and ensure cases of this nature do not recur.

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| 1. | Director of Medical Education, Hyderabad | Chairman. |
| 2. | Director of Public Health & Family Welfare, Hyderabad , | Member. |
| 3. | Additional Director of NVBDCP, Hyderabad. | Convener. |
| 4. | Superintendent of Nilofer Hospital, Hyderabad. | Member. |

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6. The Superintendent of Niloufer Hospital is requested to furnish the copies of relevant records to the committee members for examination. He shall take further action in the matter.

7. The above Committee shall submit its report to Government on or before 10th December, 2010.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

Dr. P.V. RAMESH
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To
The Director of Public Health & Family Welfare,
Hyderabad.
The Additional Director,
National Vector Borne Disease Control Programme,
Hyderabad.
The Members of the Committee,
Copy to:
The P.S. to Special C.S. to Government (M&H).
The P.S. to Principal Secretary (H).
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